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H.R. 3036, 9/11 Memorial Act

FLOOR SITUATION

On Tuesday, February 9, 2016, the House will consider [H.R. 3036](#), the 9/11 Memorial Act, under suspension of the rules. H.R. 3036 was introduced on February 11, 2015 by Rep. Tom MacArthur (R-NJ), and was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, which ordered the bill reported by unanimous consent on February 3, 2016.

SUMMARY

H.R. 3036 designates the National September 11 Memorial located at the World Trade Center in New York City, New York, as a national memorial. In addition, H.R. 3036 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to award a single competitive grant per year for the operation and maintenance of a memorial commemorating the victims of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and United Flight 93 on September 11, 2001, and the victims of the attack on the World Trade Center on February 26, 1993.

BACKGROUND

The National September 11 Memorial is a tribute of remembrance and honor to the nearly 3,000 people killed in the terror attacks of September 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center site, near Shanksville, Pa., and at the Pentagon, as well as the six people killed in the World Trade Center bombing in February 1993.¹ The names of every person who died in the 2001 and 1993 attacks are inscribed into bronze panels edging the Memorial pools, a powerful reminder of the largest loss of life resulting from a foreign attack on American soil and the greatest single loss of rescue personnel in American history.

The National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center Foundation, Inc, a private, not-for-profit organization, operates the 9/11 Memorial and Museum. The Foundation began

¹ See <https://www.911memorial.org/about-memorial>

formal operations in the spring of 2005 and worked with the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation on the design and construction management plan.²

In the summer of 2006, the organization assumed responsibility for overseeing the design and working with The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ), the construction manager on the project. Construction of the 9/11 Memorial and Museum totaled roughly \$700 million with ongoing operating costs of \$65-70 million annually.³ The Memorial and Museum does not receive state, city or federal funding for its operations.⁴

According to the bill's sponsor, "We can never forget the tragic events of that day, which have changed our lives forever, and I want to ensure that this memorial site will be here for years to come giving millions of people around the world the chance to honor the lives that were lost that day."⁵ A federal recognition of this kind will solidify the memorial's standing and recognize the endurance of the survivors, the bravery of those that risked their lives to save others, and the power of our free nation to overcome evil with good."⁶

COST

CBO [estimates](#) that annual grant funding under the bill would total about \$25 million per year. Enacting H.R. 3036 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

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² See <http://www.911memorial.org/national-september-11-memorial-museum>

³ See estimate provided by the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center Foundation, Inc. to the House Committee on Natural Resources

⁴ See <http://www.911memorial.org/get-involved>

⁵ See <https://macarthur.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/macarthur-legislation-preserve-911-memorial-passes-out-committee>

⁶ *Id.*